

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Thach H Bui

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-46.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claim recites a multi-fluid atomizing nozzle comprising: a nozzle body of defined shape having a first and second end, the nozzle body having a nozzle body chamber located proximal to the second end of the nozzle body, the nozzle body having an outer surface, the nozzle body having a nosepiece of defined size and shape incorporated into the nozzle body, the nosepiece having a first and second end, the nosepiece being located at the second end of the nozzle body, the nosepiece protruding out from the nozzle body, the nosepiece having a nosepiece chamber with a first and second end, the nozzle body chamber flowing into the nosepiece chamber, the second end of the nosepiece having an aperture allowing fluid communication between the inside of the nosepiece chamber and the exterior of the nozzle body; a nozzle cap having a first and second end, the nozzle cap having a shape complimentary to the defined shape of second end of the nozzle body, the nozzle cap further having an inner and outer surface, the first end of the nozzle cap being open, the second end of the nozzle cap being closed with the exception of a nozzle cap aperture of defined diameter; a means for mating the nozzle cap with the second end of the nozzle body; a mixing chamber formed by the mating of the second end of the nozzle body and the first end of the nozzle cap, when mated together there being a specified distance between the second end of the nozzle body and the inner surface of the second end of the nozzle cap; a means for supplying and directing a stream of dispersion gas to the mixing chamber; a means for supplying and directing a stream of feed stock to the nozzle body chamber; a means for supplying and

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directing a stream of atomizing fluid to the nozzle body chamber. This feature combined with other claimed elements are not cited in prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thach H Bui whose telephone number is 703-305-0063 and/or 571-272-4898. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30-4 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Mar can be reached on 703-308-2087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 and/or 571-273-4898.

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